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MARION RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL GUNS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MATTHEW QUEEN, 29, Marion, Indiana, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to making false statements to firearms dealers. This case was the result of a several month investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives agents in Northern and Southern Indiana.

Queen purchased 41 firearms in seven months during 2001, purchasing several guns at once on some occasions, from several firearms dealers in the state of Indiana. During the time period he purchased, Queen had sparse income, and no way to purchase these firearms using legitimate income. Queen used his real name and date of birth, but listed an address that he no

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longer lived on the forms that are required by federally licensed firearms dealers for gun purchases. Correct addresses are required by the forms in order to trace the original purchaser in case law enforcement needs to investigate a firearm used or found in a crime scene. Since 2001, about 15 of the 41 guns Queen purchased have been located in crime scenes in Detroit and Chicago.

According to Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following QUEEN's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, QUEEN must undergo drug testing and is subject to drug testing and search and seizure.

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